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GLOBAL SEARCH FOR COACH

— By Andrew Dettre —

The ASF has reneged on its well publicised undertaking not to search for the next national coach through advertising.

Only a few months ago it was officially announced that the search would be conducted on a personal basis because advertisements are likely to attract applications from marginally qualified men.

Now this undertaking has been broken.

In the March issue of FIFA News, published in Zurich, a half page advertisement appeared (see inset).

It's ludicrous to claim that a "substantial salary in line with those currently paid for first class coaches in Europe" will be paid; the ASF job is worth only about \$16,000 while first class coaches in Europe seldom earn less than \$40,000 — and more towards the \$75,000 figure.

So who will apply? Every unknown Tom, Dick and Harry for whom the \$16,000 is manna from a naive heaven.

To make it worse, the ASF advertisement does NOT demand any background, experience or even knowledge; it does not say beginners and failures shouldn't apply.

In fact, it says nothing and demands nothing.

It's certain that the ASF will be flooded with applications from expatriate Britons in Zambia and Honduras, assistant trainers from fourth division English clubs and disgruntled phys-ed teachers in Scotland plus perhaps a few adventurous and curious Europeans.

The ASF is making — repeat-

ing — the mistake of engaging somebody on the cheap; for \$16,000 they'll get \$16,000 worth of expertise, if that.

They would be much better advised to forget about filling the post on a fulltime basis and appointing somebody in Australia as a part-timer.

This year and next, the Soccerpos have an extremely light schedule; a fulltime man would go mad with boredom.

Australian soccer does NOT need a fulltime national team coach for part-time players and a couple of internationals a year.

If Holland, Sweden and many others can operate and succeed with part-timers, why can't we?

It would be infinitely wiser to use that \$16,000 to engage a competent organiser-promoter for general use within the ASF and PSL.

At present, Australia's national soccer organisation is run by a secretary, a stenographer and a telephonist while the PSL staff is a manager and his stenographer-assistant.

Last week Brian Le Fevre was still on holidays and John Frank travelled to Europe.

The two offices were "manned" by three young ladies...

Australian soccer would benefit much more from a tighter administration than through a fulltime national team coach obtained at bargain basement prices.

Promise broken

Australian National Team Coach required

The Coach of the Australian National Team, Mr. Jim Shoulder, has decided of his own volition to vacate the position and return to Europe.

The Australian Soccer Federation has a vacancy for the position of National Team Coach. The Federation is prepared to pay a substantial salary in line with those currently paid for first-class coaches in Europe. A motor car and expenses will be provided in addition, and assistance will be given to locate suitable accommodation.

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The person finally selected would be required to commence duties as soon as possible, and certainly by September 1978, and would be engaged at least until the conclusion of 1981. Should the Australian Team qualify for the World Cup Finals to be played in Spain, the contract would be extended to 1982 and then be re-negotiable.

Applications should be sent to: Mr. Brian Le Fevre, Secretary, Australian Soccer Federation, 36-38, Clarence Street, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia 2000



Western Suburbs brilliant midfield ace Peter Stone hurdling his way through a Hakoah challenge last week.

Derby on time, with new star

Derby County may well arrive in Australia with the scalp of the FA Cup winners under their belt.



England international Gordon Hill, recently transferred from Manchester United to Derby County, will be seen here in May.

They have to play Arsenal in a deferred League match on May 9, a few days after the Cup final in which Arsenal are favored to beat Ipswich.

Derby will leave for Australia on May 10 and arrive in Sydney at 6.55pm on Friday, May 12, by QF2.

They will start their tour with the match against NSW on Sunday, May 14, at the Sydney Sportsground.

On May 17 they play in Auck-

land, on May 21 in Melbourne and on May 24 in Adelaide.

Good news for Aussie fans is that newly signed ex-Manchester United star Gordon Hill will be definitely in the travelling party.

It's pretty certain that other stars such as Charlie George, Colin Todd, McFarland, Curran and Powell will be also in the team.

Only two Scots will be absent, Rioch and Masson, away in Argentina with Scotland.

ABC-TV STAGES SOCCER FIESTA

Let there be no complaint now about the ABC — the merry months of May and June will be practically turned over to soccer.

ABC TV Channel 2 last week announced its mammoth World Cup plans which will give Australian views in all States an unprecedented coverage.

It will begin (Sydney time) at 2am on June 2 with the opening ceremony in Buenos Aires and the first match, West Germany v Poland, running till 6am.

So go to bed early the night before — or don't go at all... The match will then be replayed twice the same evening, at 6pm and 10pm.

On June 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15, various matches will be videotaped at dawn and shown at 6pm and 10pm the same night.

(We will publish a full list of games before the Cup starts).

On June 18, 22, 23 and 25, four more games will be televised the same way and on June 26 the final will be shown "live" at 4 am and replayed at 8.30 pm.

To introduce the whole series, the ABC will begin screening this week (Thursday) a six-part series called "Game of the Century".

The FA Cup final will be shown "live" at 11.30 pm on Saturday, May 6 while the Scottish FA Cup final, played the same night in Glasgow, will be shown at 10.10 pm on Wednesday, May 10.

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WORLD NEWS



• In order to speed up the sale of World Cup bookings, Argentinians can now buy tickets to individual matches, not only the whole series as before.

• Tunisia's modest World Cup hopes were shattered when, at home, they went down 4-0 to Holland in a friendly game. Holland played without its two "foreign" stars, Neeskens and Rensink.

• Poland wiped the floor with Greece in Poznan, winning 5-2 after leading 4-0 at halftime. Deyna scored two, Lato, Zmuda and Boniek one apiece. The Greeks came into the picture after 5-0, when the Poles slowed up.

• Mexico in top form: they beat Bulgaria 3-0 in Guadalajara.

• Iran is no longer a joking matter: they drew with Yugoslavia 0-0 in Tehran.

• If it provides a clue, this was Poland's team against Greece: Kostrzewa, Szymanowski, Szewczyk, Zmuda, Justek, Nawalka, Deyna (Kwasniewski), Boniek, Lato (Gzil), Szarmach (Mazur), Kusto. So no Tomaszewski, Gorgon, Kasperczak and, of course, the Belgian-based Lubanski.

• Rudd Geels, the balding Ajax star, has definitely withdrawn from Holland's World Cup squad and also wants to leave the Amsterdammers.

• What a reversal: Bayern Munchen have signed for an estimated \$700,000 Paul Breitner from Braunschweig. In 1974 Breitner was sold to Real Madrid because his "radical" political ideas clashed with those of the president Neudecker. The present Bayern president: Neudecker.

• Germany should beat Tunisia 8-0... that's the view of Holland's Ruud Krol, after their friendly in Tunis.

• This was the Brazil team against West Germany: Leao-Ze Maria, Amaral, Oscar, Edinho-Cerezo, Rivelino (Bastia), Dirceu, Zico, Gil, Reinaldo (Nunes). The weakest man — captain Rivelino.

• No Brazilian national team can ever prepare for a World Cup in a good atmosphere — so says star Zico. "The public always expects a trifle too much from us: the perfect game every time we play."

• Johnny Rep, Holland's international winger now with the French Bastia, suffered a ligament injury and has his leg in plaster.

• FIFA ex-president Sir Stanley Rous was recently visited by burglars who stole 13 pieces of souvenir watches and clocks from his apartment.

• Brazil's manager Claudio Coutinho has issued a 19-point "commandment" to his players which, among others, forbids all alcohol, smoking — and all verbal or gesticulative protests against referees' and linesmen's decisions.

• Poland played two friendlies in Morocco and won both, the second 3-1 against AC Widad.

• West Germany's record against Brazil is really poor: seven matches since 1963 (including four in Germany) for only one win and two draws.

• Brazilian ace Zico's real name is Artur Antunes Coimbra. As a child, his nickname was "Arturico" (little Arthur) — hence the Zico.

• Another Brazilian star, Francisco Marinho, meanwhile is likely to lose his rating: the playboy of Rio. Marinho won't be playing for Brazil because of his weakness for wine, women and more women.

• Poland's manager Jacek Gmoch has two chief assistants, Andrzej Streljan and Bernard Blaut.

• Mexico's team could well be the youngest in Argentina. These are the ages of their best 11: Jose Pizar-Reyes 22, Carlos Gomez 25, Eduardo Ramos 28, Arturo Ayala 27, Manuel Najera 25, Leonrado Cuellar 25, Antonio de la Torre 23, Enrique Lopez-Zarza 19, Hugo Sanchez 19, Victor Rangel 20 and Cristobal Ortega 21.

• Spain's captain Pirri — real name Jose Martinez Sanchez — is 33, second year medical student in Madrid — and is a talented painter of the primitive school.

• Peru has cancelled its proposed European tour for April and has decided to prepare at home in a camp.

• Between now and the start of the World Cup, Brazil will play 11 friendly matches.

• Spain beat Norway 3-0 in a friendly, with goals by Quini, Villar and Dani.

• Eraldo Pecci, 23, Torino's Italian international midfielder, may join Inter Milan.

• Ex-Argentinian international Juan Carlos Heredia will leave Barcelona and has signed for Boca Juniors.

• Cordoba's rebuilt World Cup stadium was inaugurated on April 15 when Argentina played a friendly against a local side.

• The Spanish Association will collect a cool \$500,000, having "sold" the national team to a major corporation for publicity and promotions.

• Some audience: an estimated 1,400 million (yes, 1,400,000,000) people will see the 1978 World Cup matches on TV. And all this for a "foreign sport," according to VFL chief Dr Allen Aylett.

• Peru will play Barcelona in a friendly in Los Angeles on May 11.

• Bjorn Andersson, who returned home to Sweden last year after some years with Bayern Munchen, has withdrawn from the Swedish World Cup squad because of his studies at a university.

• The "Devil from Mielec" — that's the nickname of Poland's tall blond striker Andrzej Szarmach.

• It's no secret in Poland that Deyna and expatriate Lubanski don't get on too well. Deyna hopes to play his 100th international in Argentina.

• Hungary's ace striker Andras Torocsik has given up smoking to increase his fitness.

• Mexican fans breathe again: star forward Victor Rangel has found his goal touch for his club, after a period of many dry weeks.

• The French St Etienne has released its Argentinian stopper Osvaldo Piazza and he's joined his national squad in training.



• Argentina beat Rumania 2-0 and Eire 3-1 in two tune-up matches and local critics are becoming optimistic about the team's chances.

• Brazil finished their world tour with a 1-1 draw against England after losing 0-1 to France, beating West Germany 1-0, Inter Milan 2-0 and Saudi Arabia's Al Ahli (Didi's team) 6-1.

• Italy's last match before jetting to Argentina will be in Rome on May 18 against Yugoslavia.

• Luis Suarez will be the assistant of Laszlo Kubala with the Spanish team in Argentina.

• All tickets have been sold for the three first round matches of Argentina against Hungary, France and Italy.

• Hungary gave a brilliant first half performance and a mediocre second half show in their 2-1 win against Czechoslovakia. It's almost certain that manager Lajos Baroti will start with this team in Argentina: Gujdar-Torok, Kocsis, Kereki, J. Toth-Nyilasi, Pinter, Zombori-Fazekas, Torocsik, Varady, with Martos, Halasz, Csapo, Borso and Fekete the strongest reserves.

• Austria's 40-strong World Cup squad includes two players from the second division, Tornbirt and Schachner.

• All the "Foreign legionnaires" of Austrian soccer will be considered for the national team in Argentina: Krieger (Bruges), Hattenberger (Stuttgart), Hickersberger (Dusseldorf), Jara (Duisburg), Kreuz (Feyenoord), Riedl (Standard Liege).

• West Germany's 1-3 defeat against Sweden in Stockholm is causing deep concern among fans, many of whom claim that for once, the German's timing went astray. They also demand the recall of Stielike from Madrid and Breitner from Braunschweig into the squad.

• Atletico Madrid's brilliant stopper Luis Pereira has been included in the Brazilian squad.

• Nantes have eight players in the 40-strong French World Cup squad named by manager Michel Hidalgo.

• The 1974 World Cup netted \$10m to the organisers and the 1978 series is expected to bring in \$30m through TV rights and ticket sales.

• On their way to Argentina, Spain will spend 11 days in Uruguay, from May 20 to 30 and play two warm-up matches in Montevideo.

• Peru beat Mexico 1-0 in a friendly match played in Los Angeles.

• Tunisia will spend 10 days shortly in a Yugoslav training camp and play three friendlies against local clubs.

• A specially trained brigade of 5000 soldiers will keep peace and order in Argentina during the World Cup.

CLUB PATROL

In response to an item some weeks ago in "Club Patrol"

about junior clubs taking up offers of help from senior clubs, there was action in the ARNCLIFFE area last week. Both Sans Souci and Lugarno Churches junior associations have invited Arncliffe Scots to send along players and coaches for guest training sessions, much to the delight of the Scots club.

MELITA have their new strip now, and hope to be able to play as good as they look. One strip is the familiar all-white with red trim without the sash, whilst the reverse is a dashing all red.

He caused a sensation last year when he kept goal for Auburn in the first grade although only 16. PAUL GRIF-FIN, now 17, has, however, hit something of a slump and is not improving at the great rate he was last year. The club still has faith in Paul, though, and he will be a great foil for Ron Gisbourne, keeping the older player on his toes to retain top spot.

Arncliffe's Scot's Fijian player has the impressive nickname of "Pelee", earned because of his goalkeeping prowess and his skill. AMANI ROCKODERA made his debut last week in the second grade match against Monaro, and if he lives up to his reputation as Fiji's second

highest goalscorer, he could be a valuable asset for the Scots.

It was thought, much to the great disappointment of the club, that RON CORNETT would leave Auburn after playing nearly all his junior and senior football with them. However, Ron renegotiated his contract with the club and has signed a one-year contract with them for 1978.

Croatia's STEVE MacDONALD, who broke his leg in the Ampol Cup match against Melita, will probably have the plaster taken off this week, and he should be able to resume training in about three weeks.

Auburn are more than pleased with the goalie they bought as a replacement for STEVE HOSZOWSKI. He is RON GISBOURNE, who played with Bankstown last year, but after an injury was unable to regain his first team spot. Auburn snapped him up and now he is keeping goal much to the club's pleasure.

One Arncliffe Scot who didn't travel down to Queanbeyan last week was ALAN BANKHEAD. Alan had more pressing matters to attend to... the christening of his baby son ASHLEY on the Sunday whilst his team mates were battling against Monaro.

LETTER

I was delighted to read your forceful editorial (April 6) concerning the lack of crowd patronage in Sydney and Melbourne due to the ethnic backgrounds of clubs.

I am sure this is the main reason why soccer in these cities has failed to grab the followers of other football codes.

Western Suburbs should move and play in Wollongong, calling themselves South Coast/United/Rangers/Rovers/Stars.

Marconi, Olympic, Easts Hakoah and St George should be replaced by three super-

clubs using Barton Park (when finished), Bossley Park (when improved) and the Sportsground.

Repeat the process in Melbourne to overcome the predominant Greek influence.

Unless, as you said yourself, immediate and drastic action is taken in an attempt to genuinely "Australianise" the PSL, soccer will continue to have the image of a foreign code, whether we like the tag or not.

Michael Joske,
Barrow Place,
Lyons ACT.

Players back suing goalie

There is a distinct possibility that the Hoszowski case may produce an unexpected sequel: a Players' Association.

Last week a number of Sydney players held an informal meeting at which they agreed to financially support Steve Hoszowski's court action against the transfer system.

So far, Hoszowski's legal costs have reached the \$1500 mark.

Last Friday a preliminary hearing at the Equity Court was adjourned because of the absence overseas of Auburn president Ron Bowman.

Also during the week ASF chief Sir Arthur George stepped into the dispute, holding talks with Hoszowski's legal advisers.

A solicitor himself, Sir Arthur would prefer the case to be settled out of court.

However, Hoszowski is determined to go through with his litigation.

Last week he turned down an offer from St. George because one condition of his transfer

was that he terminate the case.

"I can't do that, simply because I'm heavily out of pocket," he said.

"I owe \$1500 and this will go higher. If I joined a club now, all my signing on fee would go to my solicitors, so the best for me is to push ahead, win the case — and have costs awarded.

"I don't want to be a martyr, neither am I a crusader who wants to bust the transfer system at any cost.

"I am merely fighting to secure my free clearance from Auburn which they refused to grant.

"If in the process my court case does wreck the transfer system, it's too bad.

"I'd rather play, preferably for a Philips League club. But it's possible that I'll have to waste the whole of 1978 if I want to see this matter through."

— A.D.

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brothers. Last week one of the brothers, FAROUK, was substitute for the first team, and is considered a good bet for a regular first team spot.

The perfect cure for all tired, badgered, irritated, frustrated club secretaries: take two weeks off and spend them on the beach at Forster. Or so claims Arncliffe Scots secretary DAVE DORIAN who just recently returned from such a holiday and feels quite keen about the rest of the season.

Marrickville Olympic are at present negotiating with Bankstown over the possible transfer of ERIC WILLIAMS to the Greek side. Coach JOHN XIPOLITAS feels that though his midfield may be one of the League's most elegant, it lacks bite, something he hopes the 22-year-old Williams will supply.

The news that Croatia had lost its coach LUKE FABIJANIC sent shock waves through the soccer world, with the rumor again floating that, Croatia doesn't stand for lack of success and replaces those responsible. However, this is only part of the reason for Luke's departure, for it seems there was also trouble within the first team squad, and as a result Luke resigned in favor of ATTI ABONYI.

Arncliffe Scots travelled down to Queanbeyan last Saturday the day before their match with Monaro, hoping that the "unbeatable" Monaro would be more readily attacked by a fresh team rather than one tired out by the bus journey. The Scots were hosted whilst in the ACT by Canberra City, as the coaches of the two teams are brothers: JOHN and ROSS WARREN. There is also another common bond between the two clubs, for both are intent upon beating Monaro, Scots on the field, and City on the terraces.

Auburn's industrious president RON BOWMAN is at present away on a business trip which will see him out of the country for a month. In the meantime, the team is beginning to blend after numerous comings and goings, so that by the time he returns Auburn should be well on the way to regaining past glories.

Marrickville Olympic's coach JOHN XIPOLITAS was surprised that his talented defender STEVE KABLE was overlooked for a State team spot. Though pleased that JIMMY ZEROS was so honored, John feels that Kable has hit his straps and is playing the best of his career, whilst Zeros has hit something of a slump in recent weeks.

Croatia's talented young midfielder VLADIMIR DUDARIC has shaken off a recent injury and should resume training soon.

FJIAN players seem to be all the rage in Sydney at present, with at least three clubs, Manly, Yugal and Arncliffe, having Fijians on the books. Now Marrickville Olympic have joined the ranks with the signing of two

Great news for Croatia is that MARIJAN "CURLY" KOVACIC has recovered from an injury to his knee and is playing once more. Curly was in the reserve grade side for the past few weeks where he scored a couple of goals, and could soon push for his old first team spot.



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Smalltalk

Certain topics in Australian soccer never cease to arouse interest, debate, even passion; the ethnic ingredient and flavoring of the game is such.

Recently, in connection with the Fitzroy riot, we once again aired our views on the subject and, predictably, touched off some reaction from Sydney Olympic whose amiable secretary Nick Smilas fired back an angry salvo at us.

In his letter, he says, inter alia:

"In 1976 in one of your editorials you thought that the changing of the names was not necessary that after all, soccer's support was the ethnic communities in Australia ... in 1977 you were slightly more objective ... this year you have finally decided that because the clubs have 'ethnic images' the Australian sporting public stays away from the games ... may we ask you, when you refer to Australians, are you thinking about the descendants of the first settlers or first and second generations or even naturalised Australians."

The truth is that — we have been 'conned.' We were led to believe, together with the rest of the Press, that the PSL would mark a total departure from the old ethnic club images and a genuine effort would be made to capture the much larger Australian market.

Of course, this hasn't happened except in Newcastle and Canberra where the entire cities — and not just one nationality — stand behind their teams.

Elsewhere, to a smaller or larger degree, one migrant group runs and supports each club, fully and exclusively, whether that club hides behind a facade or not.

If the PSL had been planned and constructed with less haste and more foresight, all this could have been avoided.

But in our "political atmosphere" it had to be pushed if not bulldozed through to gain the imprimatur of the various States and finally ASF and almost all nominating clubs were accepted without too many scruples.

Oh yes, there was a token gesture made towards an "Australian image" when less militant clubs were induced to change their names; now we have a Brisbane City, Adelaide City, West Adelaide, Fitzroy, etc., though locally (and in some newspapers) they are still referred to as Azzurri, Juventus, Hellas, Alexander, etc.

But even this ASF edict was relaxed in some cases; Marconi refused any changes, Hakoah is now Eastern Suburbs Hakoah and Pan Hellenic is Olympic.

What amazes me is that a name seems to mean so much at all.

Hakoah hasn't got one Jewish player in its first team; Olympic has no Greek and Marconi has only one Italian (Vieri).

All have a cosmopolitan playing staff (mainly Australian and British) — yet they cling to the name which, for the players anyway, means nothing.

If the Italian, Greek, etc., names are to be kept and the clubs wish to cater exclusively for their migrant populations, they should be more logical and include players from the 'old country.'

I can see some merit in a Greek team having four or five outstanding Greek players trying to please the large Greek pockets of Sydney — but not a Greek team with ONLY Australian and British players.

If we are honest we have to admit that clubs like these will not attract the 'neutral' local fans and neither is there any interchange of supporters; no Greek will follow Hakoah, no Italian will follow Olympic, etc.

It's a strict polarisation of club support; each not just to his taste but to his nationality.

Morally, ethnically, racially and politically there is absolutely nothing wrong with that, either.

Migrants are perfectly entitled to form whatever association or union they want, be that a church choir, welfare agency, scout group or soccer team.

The trouble lies elsewhere; Australians (born here) are also entitled to ignore these. And they do.

So the question to be decided is simply this; can the Philips League succeed and prosper when it so patently caters for a few migrant groups?

Is it wise to exclude — not through legislation, of course, but indirect discouragement — the potentially huge Australian 'market'?

The problem to be solved is how to keep the migrant support — and gain the Australian one as well, rather than replace one with the other.

— Andrew Dettre

LET'S GET OFF THE BACK OF REFEREES

It is high time that everyone came down to earth on the subject of Philips League referees' appointments.

— By Keith Gilmour —

The PSL appointments board this year had 21 referees on the panel — their choice as the best in the country.

At the specific request of the PSL, 12 more were added to give more referees the chance to develop.

If they were added, and they had to be at the request of the clubs, then they must be allocated games.

Obviously not every referee can please everyone and perhaps even any one in every game, and indeed some will have bad games.

If they do fail in a match, and three unfortunate recent cases come to mind, the policy is to allocate them "easier" games at the earliest opportunity, so that they have the chance to re-establish themselves.

As for the claim that the "best" referees must control the "best" games, it is done to a reasonable but not doctrinaire degree.

If, for example, Tony Boskovic

or Peter Rampley, as the generally recognised front-runners in Sydney, were allocated to the top clubs each week — what would happen?

It would not be fair to the clubs to have the same referees too often and not fair to the referee to have the same clubs week after week.

Much is also made of referee "X" doing a third grade game "in the bush".

Maybe he did, but the fact of the matter is that all he was doing was to double up for the weekend, when he had either a PSL or State League game on the other day.

There are 120 referees in Sydney, and not enough to go round unless some help out in this fashion.

These positive facts go unstated, and the situation that reaches the public is out of kilter.

It should be as plain as a pikestaff that referee "X" should

psyche himself up for one major weekend game, and not be involved in two on successive days in the normal course of events.

Then comes the matter of requests for referees from neutral cities.

When this happens the referee is allocated, and the home club has to meet the cost of his return air fare.

Over the season the leading referees who retain form will do the same number of PSL games each.

Of the leading Sydney whistlers Peter Rampley and Barry Wilkinson have controlled four PSL matches each, Tony Boskovic, Tim Davies and Richard Lorenc three each, Henry Witschge and Doug Renne two, and Brian Fowler one.

Tony Boskovic would have had four appointments except that his Easts-Hakoah v Fitzroy match was washed out in Sydney and then played in Melbourne.

There is a parity of exchanges

between Sydney and Newcastle/Canberra.

Sydney referees have handled games twice in Newcastle and three times to date in Canberra.

Newcastle referees have been involved in Sydney three times and Canberra referees twice in Sydney.

The referees' panel is Leo Wilson, a member of the FIFA panel of Lecturers, Wal Bates, and manager John Frank.

They have their own observations, referees' inspectors and club reports from which they assess points for each referee.

No doubt there can be improvements made in refereeing, but they do not of course have the time to work together as the small groups of FIFA referees do for World Cup games.

To say that the standard of the players and coaches is way up there and refereeing way down will hardly wash for the unbiased observer.

If all coaches instructed their players in obeying the whistle and not indulging in so much dubious gamesmanship as some do, then the position would improve immediately.

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An amalgam of sponsorship logos.

Two State League clubs were left wondering last week about the future of their sponsorship deal with VIP Insurances, following that company's deep financial problems.

In the words of the Federal Treasurer, John Howard, "assets close to \$2m could not be located."

If some thing can't be located, it's clearly missing.

Sutherland and Manly have existing sponsorship arrangements with VIP.

Sutherland president Frank Power said the news "came as a shock."

"We have a five-year agreement with VIP and it started only last February," he said.

"We've received some payments from them already partly as a grant and partly as a commission on business we generated for them."

"I guess that's the end of that though we have not yet been notified and we couldn't contact them either."

"You can say we are open to a new sponsorship offer."

He said the VIP-bearing shirts will be replaced when possible — the signs can't just be removed.

Manly president George Dick said his club's deal with VIP was to run out in June.

"They told us earlier that it wouldn't be renewed after that."

Manly have also received some payments from VIP for carrying their logo and recommending them to their members.

"As a matter of goodwill, I also took out a personal policy with them," he said wryly.

George Dick said Manly would immediately switch to their alternative jerseys without the VIP logo.

"We won't be destitute without VIP money but would be interested in new offers," he added.

MIKE OFFERS US "SECRETS"

How are the Americans succeeding where they had failed before?

Despite all predictions and a fair degree of ridicule, soccer in the USA is on the way to becoming a very major sport.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



Canberra City

1 (0)

CANBERRA: Tilsed 4, Moulis 5, Milovanovic 4, T. Henderson 5, Hogg 3, Heywood 5, Cant 4, Gruicic 3, Stark 4, Stoddart 3, Brown 4.

Goals: 0-1 Piciaone (29m), 1-1 Stark (73m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 5600. **Cautions:** Cant, Kriaris.

Canberra have proved once again that they play their best soccer when they have their backs to the wall. This time it was the unavailability, through injury, of striker Byrne and midfielder Davies that motivated the home team. On the day, Canberra produced perhaps their finest soccer in the PSL. Stark was switched from stopper to striker, and Henderson from midfield to stopper where he was reigning supreme against all challengers. Most of the time Footscray were defending grimly. In the 11th minute Boland brought off a great save from a Heywood header and minutes later Canberra had the ball in the net. A Cant corner was turned by the keeper into his net but the goal was disallowed for alleged interference by Stark. But worse was

Footscray

1 (1)

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Hazabent 3, Lujic 4, Kriaris 4, Kondarios 4, Rujevic 4, Ristosvki 64m, Palinkas 4, Ilioski 3, Piciaone 3, Vasio 3, Nikolaidis 4.

to come: in the 29th minute Footscray broke through, the Canberra backline set the trap and seemed to catch two Footscray players at least three metres offside as a long through pass was played. However, the linesman failed to signal and Piciaone placed his shot well. The second half saw Rujevic breaking a few times, until his replacement by Ristosvki. Once Moulis had to clear on his own line and Canberra were clearly in trouble. However, Canberra came back and were playing superbly towards the end. In the 73rd minute a Cant corner was headed home by Stark and Footscray were somewhat lucky to go home with a point while Canberra did the impossible — drawing the fifth of their five home matches.

— C. KUNZ

St. George

2 (1)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 3, Utjesenovic 3, Terry 3, Harris 3, Grosse 4, Jones 3, (Durisic: 65m), J. O'Shea 4, Gnani 5, R. O'Shea 3, Morgan 3, O'Connor 4.

Goals: 1-0 O'Connor (33m, pen), 2-0 O'Connor (75m, pen). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson (Sydney). **Crowd:** 2160. **Cautions:** Harris, Gnani, Tansey, Proven, Bannon.

St. George struggled through the first half to find some semblance of a rhythm, then found it in the second half. Admittedly by this time Fitzroy were rather dispirited, but even so the Saints played some constructive football. Throughout the first period both sides labored in midfield too often and too long, bogging down the match. For Fitzroy this proved disastrous, as their whole attack is based upon quick breaks, against defences caught out of position. Against the Saints this rarely occurred, as there was plenty of time for men to fall back. Towards the end of the first half hour though it was becoming evident that the Saints had gained the upper hand, which they

Fitzroy

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FITZROY: Marner 4, McMillan 3, Tansey 4, Proven 3, Rakovalis 2, Bannon 3, Taylor 3, Bozikas 2, Campbell 3, Cole 3, Micevski 3 (Selemnidis: 71m).

never relinquished from then on. Both penalties were quite valid, with McMillan actually catching Morgan's header on the line, and then Tansey tripping O'Connor well inside the box. O'Connor would earn some praise for the ice cool way he converted both spot kicks, sending them high into the roof and wide of the keeper. Throughout the second period Gnani was superb, initiating nearly every Saints attack, with masterful chips, flicks and curling, dropping passes. For Fitzroy the goalie Marner impressed, pulling off two brilliant saves that kept the scoreline a bit more respectable from their point of view.

— S. DETTRE

Sth. Melbourne

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SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 3, Pye 3, Kalafitidis 4, Baxter 3, Hatzimanuil 3, Lutton 3, Wright 4, Rogers 3, Cummings 3, Ollerton 3, Kent 4.

Goals: 0-1 Sharne (45m), 0-2 Vieri (67m, pen), 0-3 Jankovics (91m). **Referee:** S. Mellings (Melbourne). **Crowd:** 17,200. **Cautions:** Mariani, Richards, Lutton, Pye.

A brilliant performance by talented youngster Peter Sharne utterly demolished Sth Melbourne. Using his now legendary speed to great effect he spearheaded his forward line, and in the process ran rings around Mike Pye. Opening in a defensive style, Marconi carefully studied their opposition until the football computers Rooney and Vieri decided that the time was ripe to take command of midfield. It was from one of Degney's great runs on the left that Marconi took the lead, with Sharne pouncing on his cross to beat Hansen after Jankovics let the ball run through. After the break South Melbourne had the better of the game, however, numerous chances went begging. Marconi gradually

Marconi

3 (1)

MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 4, Prskaljo 5, Russell 4, Degney 4, Richards 3, Vieri 5 (Williams: 91m), Rooney 5, Sharne 6, Mariani 4, Jankovics 4.

got on top again, performing like a well oiled machine, and went further ahead through a penalty. Sharne broke clear of the defence and in a desperate bid to stop him Baxter fouled the winger inside the box, allowing Vieri to convert his third penalty in two weeks. The third goal which wrapped the match up came in injury time when again Sharne shattered South Melbourne's defence before cutting a ball back to Vieri thence to Jankovics for the latter to score easily. The fact of the matter is that South Melbourne were no match for the vastly superior Marconi who entertained the record crowd throughout the entire 90 minutes with a professional attitude, excellent style and deadly finishing.

— C. NICOLOPOULOS

Brisbane City

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BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Iozelli 3, Lavelle 3 (Kibbey: 45m), Tokesi 3, Perry 5, Gaffney 3, Pimblett 3, Fagan 3, Conner 3, Echeverria 3, Johnstone 2 (Caldwell: 58m).

Goal: 0-1 McGachey (44m). **Referee:** B. Mee. **Crowd:** 4000.

A highly enjoyable match which should please West Adelaide coach John Margaritis no end. His team played a thoroughly professional game with every man doing his job to perfection. The visitors were always trying to play constructive football that kept the home defence on its toes. None was more effective than the tall, lean Dave Pillans, making his unexpected return after a temporary retirement, who gave a great display a la Terry Smith, touching on balls to his support runners. City were kept busy and though their approach work was of high quality, especially in the first half, the further the game went

West Adelaide

1 (1)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Reynolds 4, Kampos 4, Tymczyszyn 4, Jones 4, Boyle 4, Honeyman 4, McGachey 4, Bozanic 4, Pillans 5, McGregor 4.

on, the more desperate their attempts to score became. Crook was seldom called upon to make a save. Pillans, as mentioned, had a great game and nothing was superior to his one-two ball which enabled McGachey to score the vital goal a minute before halftime. It was a beautiful piece of soccer which would be a pearl in any Philips League match. Not much more can be said about the home side. Young Iozelli, the new boy from Perth, had a reasonable match but will need to blend into the team. As for the rest, as the game progressed, their frustration merely increased.

— J. BINNIE

Adelaide City

1 (0)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, B. Nyskohus 5, Yung 4, Besir 4, Lister 4, Perin 4, Melita 3 (Kolecki: 59m), Marwee 4, Marocchi 3, J. Nyskohus 4, Northcote 4.

Goals: 0-1 Galpin (42m), 1-1 B. Nyskohus (69m). **Referee:** G. Neale. **Crowd:** 5123. **Cautions:** Aimey.

Galpin's goal gave Newcastle an unwarranted halftime lead after City had dominated most of the term and the home team trotted off the field for the break amidst the jeers of their fickle supporters. Bogdan "Bugsy" Nyskohus salvaged a point for City midway through the second half when he scored with a blistering 50-metre shot which Dando carried over his line as he spun to grasp the ball at the second attempt. Newcastle coach Alan Vest said after the game that though he had some doubts about the equaliser, he was pleased with his team's best performance of the season. City, fired by Northcote and substitution Kolecki, ran rings around Newcastle in the second half

Newcastle

1 (1)

NEWCASTLE: Dando 4, Willis 3, Endacott 4, Mason 3, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 5, Harde 4, Curran 4, Boden 4, Galpin 4, Aimey 3.

and were unlucky not to have won by a least two goals. Dando emerged as Newcastle's hero with two superb saves first from Marwee, and then, four minutes from time, from a Perin freekick. Marwee gave an impressive display as he chased every loose ball to cause havoc to the Newcastle backline. As City launched some spirited sorties to grab both points, Newcastle resorted to some petty fouls, and shirt pullings to stem the tide. City were awarded 16 freekicks to Newcastle's eight. Newcastle's opening goal came unexpectedly: Curran swung the ball into a crowded goalmouth and Galpin smashed the ball past the startled defenders.

— A. CRISP

West. Suburbs

3 (2)

WESTERN SUBURBS: Woodhouse 4, Skellern 4, Turnbull 4, Noble 3, Wilson 4, Harding 3, Fisher 3, Stone 4, Scott 4, Eaton 4, O'Donnell 4.

Goals: 1-0 Harding (35m), 2-0 Eaton (43m), 3-0 Fisher (50m), 3-1 Campbell (77m), 3-2 Silva (86m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 2476. **Cautions:** Harding.

Hakoah's barnstorming finish against Western Suburbs salvaged some of their prestige but little else as they still went down by the odd goal in a game of fluctuating fortunes. Wests started shakily but once they discovered that Hakoah's forward line was completely blunt they went after them, scoring three goals in a space of 13 minutes of play. Brian O'Donnell, with 10 stitches still in his head, Peter Stone and Andy Scott tormented the Hakoah defence with some brilliant passes and some target shooting. But after leading by two goals at half-time and scoring another five minutes after

the resumption, Wests relaxed and almost paid the penalty for so doing. They allowed Hakoah to come back strongly and only time stopped Hakoah from salvaging at least a point. The never tiring Joe Watson and Hilton Silva took over from Wests, the former setting up the first goal for Campbell to score and the latter scoring with a tremendous angled drive to make the score more respectable. Seconds earlier Murray Barnes hit the crossbar with a fierce shot but the credit goes to young Greg Woodhouse playing his first full competition game for Wests who made at least two brilliant saves.

— C. SPITERI

Syd. Olympic

2 (0)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Palmer 3, Cross 3, G. Allan 3, McIntosh 3, Markland 3, Laing 4, Jamieson 4, D. Allan 3 (Botham: 36m, 3), Senkalski 3 (Wilson: 67m, 4), Ainslie 4.

Goals: 0-1 Fairbrother (31m), 0-2 Hughes (34m), 0-3 Ontong (41m), 1-3 Ainslie (53m), 2-3 Wilson (80m), 2-4 Laslo (88m).

Referee: P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 3665. **Cautions:** Cross, McIntosh, Venables, Hughes.

Lions' resounding win over an Olympic who were poised to join the front runners left coach Tom Anderson glowering with what might have happened. It seems that skipper Dave McIntosh went against instructions in electing to let Lions use the breeze. Lions made every conceivable use of a gusting downfield wind, leaving the Sydneysiders with a near impossible task of making up a three-goal leeway. Actually, they did make a good fist of it and edged back to 2-3 after 80 minutes, but then Lions won on merit at 4-2 without having to go defensive at all. This, and some great goals, contributed to one of the best games in Sydney to date. Lions' defence was superb, their midfield good, and the goals were a revelation. Julius Vince used Geoff Mo. far from fit, on the wing for 30 minutes, and his speed helped pave the way for later goals. Within 10 minutes from midway through the first half Lions went ahead from Alan

Brisbane Lions

4 (3)

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 4, Venables 4, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Potter 4, Neal 3, Spearritt 4, Laslo 3, Ontong 4 (Lawrie: 73m), Hughes 3, Morris (Fairbrother: 30m, 3).

Hughes (who touched in Jim Hermiston's free kick after Stuart Markland deflected it), and further goals by Hughes and Paul Ontong. Hughes swung his right-foot shot splendidly, but Ontong outdid everything on the day by cutting out three men in a linking run and placed the ball over and away from Meier into the net. Ainslie came back for Olympic with a glorious goal, and he all but had another by the 70th minute. Olympic now had the pressure on Lions, and finally it was replacement Ken Wilson who netted from a scrimmage. In an electric atmosphere Markland all but had the equaliser, but his close-range lob eluded the net. Then Lions tied it up. Gary Meier cleared to Bennett, it went to Potter, who somehow contrived to sweep the ball out to Spearritt on the left wing, and the cross saw Paul Laslo score from close in at the far post.

— K. GILMOUR

TOP SCORERS

C. EATON (Wests)	6	CAMPBELL (Hakoah)	3
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	6	COLE (Fitzroy)	3
VIERI (Marconi)	5	ECHEVERRIA (Br. City)	3
O'CONNOR (St. George)	5	HUGHES (Lions)	3
BYRNE (Canberra)	4	MARLEY (Br. City)	3
FISHER (Wests)	4	J. NYSKOHUS (Ad. City)	3
GRUICIC (Canberra)	4	ROONEY (Marconi)	3
OLLERTON (Sth. Melb.)	4	SENKALSKI (Olympic)	3
AINSLIE (Olympic)	3	SILVA (Hakoah)	3
BODEN (Newcastle)	3	STEVENSON (Hakoah)	3
BYRNE (Marconi)	3		



PHILIPS LEAGUE RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	0-0	2-1	1-2	23/7	20/8	6/8	25/6	1-3	2/7	30/4	28/5	14/5	11/6	
Marconi	9/7	4-0	1-1	6-2	14/5	30/4	18/6	11/6	3-2	26/7	20/8	6/8	28/5	
Fitzroy	18/6	4/6	1	21/5	0-3	23/7	1-1	27/8	14/5	1-0	2/7	30/4	16/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	2/7	20/8	1	30/4	1-0	28/5	0-1	6/8	18/6	14/5	0-1	4/6	1-1
West. Sub.	3-2	16/7	25/6	30/7	1	28/5	14/5	0-0	2-2	3-1	6/8	11/6	20/8	1-1
St. George	21/5	13/8	2-0	25/6	27/8	1	4/6	30/7	16/7	7/5	0-2	2/7	2-1	2-3
West Adel.	7/5	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	1-4	5	1-2	3-0	23/7	21/5	0-1	11/6	25/6
Footscray	1-1	0-2	28/5	11/6	2/7	30/4	16/7	1	20/8	4/6	0-2	6/8	23/7	14/5
Br. Lions	4/6	0-3	13/8	7/5	18/6	0-0	2/7	21/5	1	27/8	1-1	23/7	2-2	30/7
Br. City	0-3	25/6	11/6	2-1	9/7	6/8	0-1	3-0	28/5	1	16/7	14/5	30/4	20/8
South Melb.	30/7	0-3	1-1	13/8	7/5	11/6	20/8	9/7	25/6	0-1	1	1-1	28/5	3-0
Olympic	27/8	21/5	30/7	9/7	0-1	2-0	18/6	7/5	2-4	13/8	4/6	1	1-2	16/7
Canberra	13/8	7/5	2-2	2-2	21/5	18/6	1-1	1-1	9/7	30/7	27/8	25/6	1	2-2
Newcastle	1-4	27/8	7/5	23/7	4/6	9/7	0-1	13/8	30/4	21/5	18/6	1-1	2/7	1

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

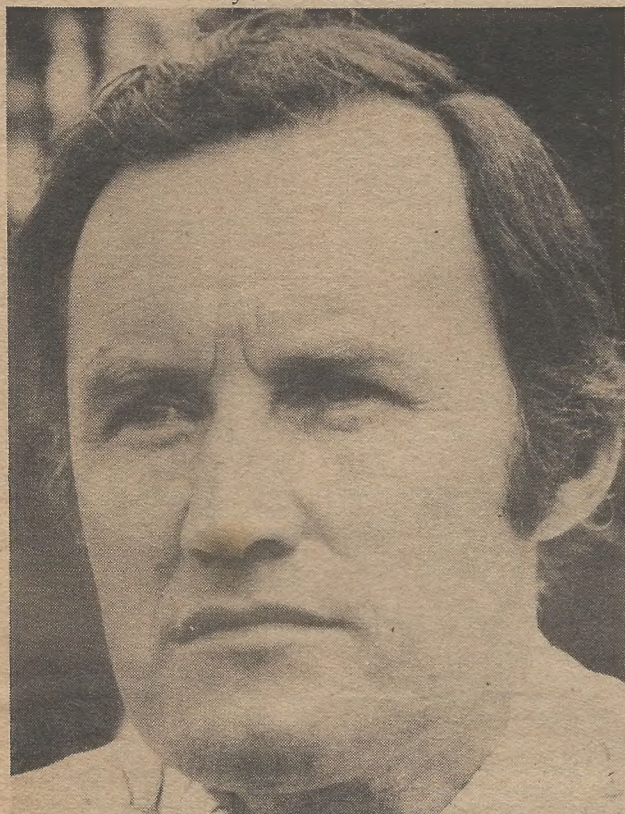
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1 (1) MARCONI	8	6	2	—	22	5	14	4	3	1	—	14	5	7	4	3	1	—	8	—	7			
2 (3) WESTERN SUBURBS	8	4	3	1	15	12	11	5	2	3	—	9	6	7	3	2	—	1	6	6	4			
3 (2) SOUTH MELBOURNE	8	3	3	2	10	7	9	5	1	2	2	5	6	4	3	2	1	—	5	1	5			
4 (4) EAST-HAKOAH	8	3	2	3	14	11	8	4	1	1	2	4	6	3	4	2	1	1	10	5	5			
5 (6) CANBERRA	8	1	6	1	13	13	8	5	—	5	—	8	8	5	3	1	1	1	5	5	3			
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7 (7) WEST ADELAIDE	8	3	2	3	9	9	8	4	1	—	3	5	7	2	4	2	2	—	4	2	6			
8 (10) BRISBANE LIONS	8	2	4	2	12	14	8	4	—	3	1	3	6	3	4	2	1	1	9	8	5			
9 (12) ST. GEORGE	8	3	1	4	10	10	7	4	2	—	2	6	6	4	4	1	1	2	4	4	3			
10 (8) ADELAIDE CITY	8	2	3	3	8	9	7	4	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	1	2	1	6	6	4			
11 (11) FOOTSCRAY	8	2	3	3	5	10	7	3	—	1	2	1	5	1	5	2	2	1	4	5	6			
12 (9) BRISBANE CITY	8	3	—	5	9	12	6	4	2	—	2	5	5	4	4	1	—	3	4	7	2			
13 (13) NEWCASTLE	8	1	4	3	9	15	6	3	—	1	2	2	6	1	5	1	3	1	7	9	5			
14 (14) FITZROY	8	1	3	4	6	15	5	3	1	1	1	2	4	3	5	—	2	3	4	11	2			



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Maclaren flies full speed ahead

— By Keith Gilmour —



South Melbourne boss Dave Maclaren.

The first aspirants to the North Americans trendsetting New York Cosmos role in Australian Soccer has emerged in the persons of South Melbourne.

The club had drawn 47,000 to its first five home games, two of which took place before the fans realised they had shed their dour 1977 image.

About \$20,000 has been invested in 20-year-old Volatile winger George Campbell, due to arrive from Scotland's Premier Division leaders Aberdeen shortly.

This brings to over \$45,000 the outlay on Bert Luffton, John Hansen, Bobby McGuinness and Sammy Wright.

Their biggest capture to date, Scottish international Colin Stein, 30, has badly torn a hamstring and will only come to fulfil his one year plus one year option contract if medical reports are favourable.

Stein has been the darling of the crowds with Hibernian, Rangers and Coventry City, and has been on loan from Rangers to Kilmarnock this season. Rangers paid \$230,000 for him a few years ago.

South Melbourne are out to be the market leaders both on the league table and for entertainment value.

Young Campbell's exploits on either wing and his sheer audacity have earned him a "Peie" tag.

Soon a full-time promotions manager will be appointed to the club — the first in the Philips League.

New lighting, board room and offices are being completed at Middle Park, which already has a capacity of 23,000.

CHAMPIONS-ELECT PUT SKILL ON HOME SHOW

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

Marconi's unrelenting sprint towards the title could well continue this week when they face West Adelaide at Bossley Park.

Marconi have yet to lose at home and the Westad team is unbeaten in away matches — so the clash, probably attracting an 8,000-plus crowd, promises fireworks.

With ex-Bolognaise Vieri providing the substance and Sharne and Jankovics the sauce, Marconi are in such brilliant form that it's hard to see them topped.

But it's rather unfair always to single out Vieri as this team has immense talent in all departments and several, including Degney, Byrne and Rooney, help make them what they are.

West Adelaide are slowly, almost cautiously, showing signs of improvement though not in their home games.

Here they will have the gigantic task of matching the mobile and creative Marconi midfield, the source of all the magic.

Vieri may get a man assigned to him and the visitors could well try to turn their defence into a veritable bolt, hoping to hit back with quick counter-attacks.

But it would still surprise us no end if they survived the trip without a beating.

East's Hakoah's clash with South Melbourne will put on display two teams which, after a brilliant early start, are beginning to lose sight of the peak.

East's suspect defence has conceded five goals in two games and is clearly not up to the rest of the team in class.

Silva up front is imaginative and dangerous as ever while Barnes and Stevenson in midfield toil all day.

South Melbourne are so far unbeaten in their away matches and coach Maclaren would love nothing more than return to his old home and snatch the points.

However, last Sunday's debacle exposed the numerous defensive weaknesses of South Melbourne — as well as the rhapsodical nature of their attack, built on Ollerton's head and Kent's wit.

East should recover the quicker of the two and, without facing a coherent, speedy attack, should come out on top.

Fitzroy play their home game in Sydney against Olympic.

pic, as part of their penance and will return to the same Barton Park where last week they went down without a murmur.

Since last year the undaunted spirit has vanished from Fitzroy and the players merely go through the motions without much conviction.

Buljevic is likely to return to the fold after his injury — but we would be surprised if coach Tony Boggi's position wasn't challenged within the club.

Olympic conceded almost as many goals last Sunday as in their previous seven games, so perhaps their 2-4 was just a shock derailment.

Even in defeat, Olympic showed plenty of fighting spirit to make their game a thriller.

Their two new Greek aces are due to arrive in time for the match which could produce the biggest crowd yet at Barton Park — and a likely Olympic win.

In Adelaide, City play will be at home once again, this time to the highly placed Western Suburbs.

It's a mystery why Adcity fail to reproduce their 1977 style and form.

At home they are especially vulnerable, having scored two measly goals in four games.

Western Suburbs, not spoilt by their meagre home support, seem to prefer playing away from Sydney.

Their thrilling win last week over Easts Hakoah was further proof that their rebuilt and basically young side, in the good hands of Mike Laing, intends to stay in the title race.

Unless Adcity can raise their game considerably, they run the risk of dropping more precious points at home.

In the tale of the two cities, Brisbane and Canberra, the visitors may register their 7th draw.

Last week Brisbane City were a trifle unlucky to go down while Canberra could have gained both points, not just one.

On present form the visitors stand a good chance of breaking their sequel of draws and ending up winners for a change.

Newcastle fans will await with considerable eagerness their team's first home win against Lions — but it won't be easy.

Lions tore up a shocked Olympic last Sunday and seem quite capable of doing the same in Newcastle.

In Melbourne, Footscray, yet to win at home, will meet a St George definitely on the mend.

The two teams play a very similar style, with many side passes and a slow build-up and, as in all such games, there will be a premium on precision.

If the Saints can maintain their form, they shouldn't do worse than share the points.

SYDNEY

Sydney Olympic's Derek Laing had reason to smile in spite of last week's loss to Brisbane Lions. His fiancée, Lorraine Beaton, is due to arrive on Saturday from Dundee.

Olympic's only games away from Sydney until the end of July are against Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions and Canberra City. They have gained by playing Fitzroy next week at Barton Park instead of Olympic Park, Melbourne. It will mean a pot of gold if they re-establish their winning streak.

Billy Pirie's first match for Sydney Olympic is scheduled for May 21 at Erskineville Oval against Marconi. His club, Dundee, will be playing in Brisbane that day, but in a much appreciated gesture they have agreed to release him.

Paul Cotton will know if the joined tendon will put him out for the season during the week, when he had a plaster taken off and reset. Since coming to Australia the 27-year-old defender has had torn back muscles, and groin and knee injuries. In his English career he played for Walsall and then Telford in the Southern League and was due to join Port Vale when he came to Australia.

Sydney Olympic are hopeful that South Sydney Council will erect a new grandstand at Erskineville Oval later this year. They are also working like beavers to secure parking space by courtesy of recent manufacturing concerns with sufficient space to help.

Don Allen, the Olympic striker, started out in junior football with Marsfield and then Epping YMCA in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association. He moved through to Wests, then Granville, and now barring injuries, he is to succeed in the Philips League.

Congratulations to Sydney Olympic on the clear new numbering on the back of their blue-and-white hooped jerseys. Their clarity is a big boon to the supporters.

Canberra

Canberra fans are well catered for in the electronic media.

On CTC TV Pat Stanley, former Pan Hellenic and South Coast star and later successful coach has a regular soccer segment and on radio 2XX (1010 on the dial), Graham Harrison conducts a soccer show at 9 am every Saturday.

Canberra City's total crowds for this year have just topped 27,000 an average of about 5,400 a game — despite three Saturday games.

The club's total for the whole of 1977 was 23,100.

At least two of Canberra's remaining matches will still be on a Saturday.

One will be on May 6, against Marconi, because of the FA Cup final telecast from London and the other on June 17 against St. George, due to the mid-season cabaret that night.

There is the possibility that the home match against Western Suburbs on May 20 will be postponed until the long weekend in June because of the unavailability of four Canberra City players in the national under-18 championship.

It was on May 20 that Canberra were hoping to present a top-class athletic meet featuring, among others, Paul Narracott.

There is a chance that defender Gary Parker will return to the team against Brisbane City; he could probably replace John Brown.

— C. Kunz

Adelaide

Adelaide City will soon be reinforced by three highly rated Scots, due here within two weeks.

They are Jim Muir, 27, a giant (197 cm) striker, cum stopper from Dumbarton; Graham Fife, 26, a winger, Rangers; and Pat McCluskey, 25, from Celtic.

On top of that, John Kosmina is due here to join Adelaide City which may soon have an embarrassment of richness in its attack.

— A. Crisp

NEWCASTLE

The only Newcastle born players to make the grade so far with Newcastle United are Col Curran, Neal Endicott, Lloyd Hades, Slav Catalovski and Peter Tredinnick, and they will be joined by Graig Johnston, the local lad on loan from Middlesbrough.

The next import is Huddersfield striker Bob Mountford.

This has been somewhat as expected, but there is a definite feeling lingering in Newcastle that there are other good players who could make the grade.

These include the Kamasz brothers, and the defender Trevor Smythe, whose club Adamstown was not keen to release players to the Newcastle United side.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 29

Newcas. v Br. Lions Macquarie Oval, 2.30 p.m.
Footscray v St George Middle Park, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

Adel. City v West. Subs Olympic Field, 2.30 p.m.
Marconi v West Adelaide Marconi, 3 p.m.
Bris. City v Canberra Perry Park, 3 p.m.
Fitzroy v Olympic Barton Park, 3 p.m.
East Hakoah v South Melb. Wentworth, 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, May 6

Canberra v Marconi Bruce Stadium 2.45 p.m.
Newcastle v Fitzroy Int. Sp. Field, 2.30 p.m.
St. Melb. v Wests Middle Park, 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

West Adel. v Easts Hakoah Hindmarsh, 2.30 p.m.
Olympic v Footscray Erskineville, 3 p.m.
Lions v Adelaide City Perry Park, 2.30 p.m.
St. George v Br. City Barton Park, 3 p.m.

Brisbane

Talented Sauro Iozelli, 21, Perth Azzurri's State fullback, made his debut for Brisbane City last Sunday.

However, Iozelli is only on a month's trial, after which his fee may be negotiated.

Meanwhile, Brisbane City fans are anxiously awaiting the return of their ex-Kiwi central striker Alan Marley. He is still out with a chipped bone in his ankle but is reportedly on the mend.

Alan Niven missed the game in Sydney last week. He made the mistake of colliding with his fellow Brisbane Lion, Col Bennett, in a training session.

Defence-cracking little winger Geoff Morris played only 30 minutes of the game for Brisbane Lions against Sydney Olympic last Sunday at Erskineville.

He was suffering from bronchitis, but took the risk of playing to help lay the foundation for Lions' win.

It was this trouble that caused him to miss joining Newcastle United in the English First Division.

They were prepared to pay Walsall \$90,000 for his services, but health ruled against the deal.

At that stage he was one of the top wingers in England outside First Division, and opponents in Australia are well aware of the skill and speed he possesses.

Geoff is finding the climate, more to his liking in Queensland.

— J. Binnie



St. George Dragons v Marconi Comets ... 2-1
Marconi Raiders v St. George Colts ... 1-1
Olympic v Newcastle United ... 2-1
Western NSW v Easts Hakoah ... 1-3

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NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1							DIV. 3, GRADE 3						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Monaro	5	1	—	14	4	11	Lane Cove	2	2	—	4	1	6
Melita	4	—	1	19	5	8	Dee Why	3	—	1	7	10	5
Croatia	4	—	1	11	2	8	Bondi	2	1	1	15	10	5
Sutherland	2	1	2	4	4	5	Wentworth	2	—	1	5	3	4
Toongabbie	1	3	1	2	2	5	Pt. Hacking	1	1	1	7	4	3
Auburn	2	—	2	9	5	4	Yagoona	1	1	1	7	7	3
Yugal	2	—	2	7	4	4	Lethbridge	1	—	1	4	1	2
APIA	1	2	2	6	5	4	Nepean	1	—	2	6	6	2
Avala	2	—	3	4	5	4	Glad. Rav.	1	—	1	3	3	2
Granville	2	—	2	8	10	4	Bathurst	1	—	2	4	8	2
Mv. Olympic	1	2	2	4	7	4	Riverstone	—	2	2	1	12	2
Manly	2	—	4	5	15	4	West Ryde	—	1	2	2	4	1
Arncliffe	1	1	3	2	6	3							
Bankstown	—	—	4	4	14	—							

DIV. 1, GRADE 2							DIV. 4, GRADE 1						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Manly	5	1	—	14	3	11	Sydney Uni.	3	1	—	10	4	7
Arncliffe	2	3	—	11	2	7	Baulkham H.	2	2	—	12	5	6
Croatia	3	1	1	13	8	7	Ryde	1	3	—	12	5	5
Granville	3	1	—	7	2	7	Hurstville	2	1	1	11	9	5
Sutherland	3	—	2	18	5	6	Greenwich	2	1	—	7	5	5
Auburn	3	—	1	17	6	6	Padstow	2	—	2	10	14	4
Toongabbie	1	3	1	11	11	5	Camptown	1	1	1	6	5	3
Melita	2	1	2	7	9	5	Artarmon	—	—	2	1	5	7
Mv. Olympic	1	2	2	7	8	4	Ashcroft	—	—	2	1	5	7
APIA	1	2	2	4	6	4	Nth. B'town	—	—	1	2	3	5
Avala	1	—	4	8	17	2	Fairfield K.	—	—	1	2	2	9
Yugal	1	—	3	3	19	2	Holroyd	—	—	5	2	20	—
Monaro	1	—	5	4	22	2							
Bankstown	—	—	4	4	10	—							

DIV. 1, GRADE 3							DIV. 4, GRADE 2						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Avala	4	—	1	12	4	8	Baulkham H.	3	1	—	14	6	7
Manly	4	—	1	11	5	8	Padstow	3	—	1	8	5	6
Melita	4	—	1	7	5	8	Camptown	2	1	—	7	2	5
Sutherland	3	—	1	12	3	6	Ryde	2	1	1	9	6	5
Arncliffe	2	—	2	8	6	4	Ashcroft	1	2	—	6	5	4
Granville	2	—	1	4	2	4	Holroyd	2	—	3	8	12	4
APIA	2	—	3	7	8	4	Nth. B'town	1	1	1	6	6	3
Croatia	2	—	2	5	7	4	Ryde	1	1	2	5	7	3
Bankstown	1	—	3	5	9	2	Artarmon	1	—	1	6	5	2
Auburn	1	—	2	2	4	2	Fairfield K.	—	—	1	2	5	6
Toongabbie	1	—	3	5	8	2	Greenwich	—	—	1	2	2	8
Yugal	—	—	1	3	3	11	Sydney Uni.	—	—	4	5	13	—
Mv. Olympic	—	—	1	3	3	12	—						

DIV. 2, GRADE 1							DIV. 5, GRADE 1						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Blacktown	5	—	1	21	5	10	Bonnyrigg	3	—	—	11	4	6
Ku-ring-gai	4	1	—	17	4	9	Kingsford	2	2	—	9	5	6
Uni. of NSW	4	—	2	16	8	9	Chelsea	3	—	1	10	7	6
Belmore	3	2	—	10	3	8	Revesby Rov.	2	—	—	7	2	4
Revesby	3	2	—	12	6	8	Paddington	1	2	1	7	8	4
Polonia	2	2	—	5	3	6	Eastwood	1	1	2	7	8	3
Warringah	1	1	3	7	8	3	Maroubra	1	—	2	5	7	2
Glad. Hornsby	—	2	2	5	11	2	Auburn Jnr.	1	—	3	7	10	2
Marrickville	—	2	4	3	16	2	North Ryde	1	—	2	6	11	2
N.S. Inter	—	1	2	3	11	1	Haberfield	—	—	1	2	3	5
Queens Park	—	1	4	7	22	1	North Rocks	—	—	2	2	7	—
Guildford	—	—	4	5	13	—							

DIV. 2, GRADE 2							DIV. 5, GRADE 2						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Belmore	5	1	—	12	5	11	Bonnyrigg	3	—	—	12	5	6
Uni. of NSW	4	1	1	18	9	9	Auburn Jnr.	2	1	1	12	6	5
Revesby	2	2	—	7	3	6	Kingsford	1	2	1	8	8	4
Ku-ring-gai	3	—	1	10	8	6	Eastwood	2	—	2	7	7	4
Polonia	2	1	2	15	12	5	Paddington	2	—	2	7	7	4
Glad. Hornsby	2	—	2	12	4	4	North Rocks	1	1	—	5	3	3
Marrickville	1	2	2	10	12	4	Chelsea	1	1	2	8	8	3
Warringah	1	1	2	1	4	3	Haberfield	1	1	1	4	5	3
Queens Park	1	—	2	6	9	2	Revesby Rov.	1	—	1	4	6	2
Blacktown	—	2	2	3	7	2	Maroubra	1	—	2	6	10	2
N.S. Inter	—	1	2	4	11	1	North Ryde	—	—	3	6	14	—
Guildford	—	1	3	3	12	1							

DIV. 2, GRADE 3							DIV. 6, GRADE 1						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Belmore	5	—	1	22	3	10	W. Holroyd	3	—	—	6	1	6
Warringah	4	—	1	12	4	8	East Creek	2	1	—	12	3	5
Blacktown	3	2	—	6	3	8	Pagewood	2	1	—	6	1	5
Glad. Hornsby	2	1	1	8	4	5	Hawkesbury	2	1	1	6	6	5
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	1	6	3	5	Fairfield W.	2	—	—	8	—	4
Queens Park	2	—	1	10	5	4	Concordia	1	2	—	4	3	4
Revesby	2	—	2	10	6	4	Macq. Uni.	1	1	2	9	9	3
Uni. of NSW	2	—	4	8	20	4	Green Valley	1	—	3	7	16	2
Guildford	1	1	2	4	7	3	Prospect	—	1	1	2	3	1
Polonia	1	1	3	5	11	3	W. St. George	—	—	1	2	4	8
N.S. Inter	—	—	3	1	13	—	Camden	—	1	3	4	8	1
Marrickville	—	—	5	5	17	—	Canley Hgts.	—	1	2	3	13	1

DIV. 3, GRADE 1							DIV. 6, GRADE 2						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Nepean	3	—	—	9	4	6	East Creek	2	1	—	10	4	5
Lane Cove	2	1	1	7	4	5	W. St. George	2	1	1	6	2	5
Bondi	2	1	1	8	6	5	Fairfield W.	2	—	—	8	2	4
West Ryde	2	1	—	3	1	5	Prospect	2	—	—	8	2	4
Bathurst	2	—	1	10	6	4	W. Holroyd	2	—	1	4	2	4
Lethbridge	1	1	—	7	3	3	Camden	2	—	2	6	7	4
Dee Why	1	—	3	7	3	2	Canley Hgts.	2	—	1	5	6	4
Glad. Rav.	1	—	1	4	5	2	Concordia	1	1	1	3	3	3
Yagoona	1	—	2	3	4	2	Macq. Uni.	1	—	3	5	5	2
Riverstone	—	2	2	7	11	2	Pagewood	1	—	2	5	6	2
Pt. Hacking	1	—	2	8	13	2	Hawkesbury	—	1	3	4	11	1
Wentworth	—	—	3	—	—	—	Green Valley	—	—	4	1	12	—

DIV. 3, GRADE 2							DIV. 7, GRADE 1						
W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
Pt. Hacking	3	—	—	8	3	6	Liverpool	3	—	1	8	5	6
West Ryde	2	—	1	9	4	5	B'town. Sp.	2	1	—	11	5	5
Lane Cove	2	1	1	9	7	5	South. Dist.	2	—	1	10	5	4
Glad. Rav.	2	—	—	7	2	4	Moorebank	2	—	1	8	4	4
Yagoona	2	—	1	6	3	4	Edensor	2	—	—	6	2	4
Riverstone	1	1	2	11	13	3	Lakemba	1	2	1	9	9	4
Dee Why	1	1	2	6	8	3	Emu Plains	2	—	2	9	12	4
Lethbridge	1	—	1	6	3	2	Maccabi	1	1	—	5	3	3
Nepean	1	—	2	7	7	2	Chullora	1	—	1	9	6	2
Bathurst	1	—	2	2	4	2	Greystanes	—	—	1	1	3	—
Bondi	1	—	3	10	15	2	Mt. Pritchard	—	—	4	7	16	—
Wentworth	—	—	3	1	13	—	Sth. Sydney	—	—	4	4	17	—

Wenty War.	—	—	3	1	13	—
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Mt. Pritchard	—	—	4	7	16	—
Sth. Sydney	—	—	4	4	17	—

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DIV. 7, GRADE 2						
Liverpool	3	1	—	8	3	7
Moorebank	3	—	—	13	3	6
Chullora	2	—	—	11	4	4
B'town. Sp.	2	—	1	9	8	4
South. Dist	1	1	1	7	5	3
Maccabi	1	1	—	3	1	3
Edensor	1	—	1	8	4	2
Greystanes	1	—	—	4	—	2
Lakemba	1	—	3	7	9	2
Mt. Pritchard	—	1	3	6	13	1
Fmu Plains	—	1	2	9	14	1

STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

AVALA v AUBURN 0-3 (0-1)

Auburn showed improving form by putting themselves in a commanding position throughout the game. Aided by a strong wind they scored an opening goal in the 33rd minute when Alan Piggott released a short ball to Willie Hamilton, who hit hard and low to Peter Ahrens' left side. After miffing another shot, Auburn's second came in the 65th minute when it was Piggott again who went through to set Hamilton up again. Then in the 77th an error by Avala defender Gerry Doran let Piggott put his own name on the score sheet by netting from close in.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Bateman 2, S. Deller 3, Barton 3, Gray 3, Doran 2 (Necic: 75m), Patterson 3, Krejza 3, Morrow 2, Jancek 3 (Cudek: 45m, 3), Griffiths 3.

AUBURN: Gisborne 4, Cornett 3, McGlynn 4, Bertram 3, Dobson 3, McDonald 3 (McGrath: 84m), Piggott 4, Hamilton 4, Sidey 4, Reid 3 (Vidaic: 75m), Tracey 4.

Goals: 0-1 Hamilton (33m), 0-2 Hamilton (65m), 0-3 Piggott (77m). **Referee:** O. Pritchard. **Crowd:** 350. — **D. MURTON**

CROATIA v MANLY 4-0 (2-0)

Manly offered nothing in 90 minutes except a massed defence and one lone forward once Bob Russell rose high to put the first one home. It was a question of whether Croatia would bother to get out of second gear and completely crush their opponents. As it was, two goals in each half and steady work all round were sufficient to give Atti Abonyi his first success as a coach. Without Chris Cassettari Manly would have suffered a bigger loss, and until they get rid of their negative, spoiling tactics, they will not climb away from a lowly position on the table.

CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 3, Cagallij 3, Basic 2, G. Smith 3, J. Russell 3, Mullen 3, Savor 2, Abonyi 3 (Cootes: 80m), Coleman 2 (Hanratty: 75m), Sullivan 3.

MANLY: Cassettari 4, Dick 2, Harpur 2, Gosling 3, Stocks 3, Geoghegan 2, Lambert 2, Mouttet 2, Banks 2, Delaney 3, Geeke 2.

Goals: 1-0 R. Russell (28m), 2-0 Abonyi (43m), 3-0 Sullivan (61m), 4-0 J. Russell (74m). **Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 1300. — **R. DEWICK**

YUGAL v MARRICKVILLE 2-1 (1-0)

A powerful display from Niti Nitya spearheaded Yugals' second win of the season. Marrickville only had themselves to blame for not collecting at least one point. Apart from the first 20 minutes they did most of the attacking, but shot mainly high and wide. The midfield work of Terry Thompson and Norm Penman was wasted up front. Yugals scored following a freekick by Dusan Purac. After Thompson equalised in the 47th minute Purac got the winner six minutes later. Nitya's display, and

safe work by Andy Mandrides in goal, enabled Yugals to hold on.

YUGAL: Mandrides 4, Nitya 5, Trkulja 3, Prgomelija 3, Zaknic 3 (Stamenkovic: 37m), Cuk 4, Radovac 3, Purac 4, Piper 3, Tanoski 3, Rodas 3.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 3, Kable 3, Sheldrick 3, Penman 4, H. Xipolitas 3, Thompson 4, Balafas 2 (Williams: 46m, 2), Zeros 3, Brown 3, Katholias 3, Nezeritis 3.

Goals: 0-1 Rodas (15m), 1-1 Thompson (47m), 2-1 Purac (53m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 1056. — **E. DE MESQUITA**

MELITA v SUTHERLAND 2-1 (1-0)

This game would have produced many more goals but for the vigilance of the respective goalkeepers, Uwe Bracklow of Melita and Phil Craggs of Sutherland. Melita took the lead from a brilliant Nelson Brizuela goal in the 44th minute when he accepted a crossfield pass, beat two defenders and netted a 15-metre shot. Ian McGovern struck in the 48th minute for Melita. He was tripped in the penalty area and then scored from his own spot kick. Both sides stormed hard and Paul Smith netted for the visitors from close in eleven minutes from time. A corner came from the

right, two defenders missed, and Smith scored.

MELITA: Bracklow 5, Ververis 3, McPherson 2, Yamine 3, Mikas 4, R. Smith 2, Farrugia 4, McAusland 2, McGovern 3, Drossos 3 (Parker: 76m, 3), Brizuela 3.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 4, Branson 3, Wykes 3, Schumann 4, Dal Forno 3, Meades 2, Beggs 2, P. Smith 3, C. Hall 4, Basterfield 3, Walker 2 (Watkins: 58m, 2).

Goals: 1-0 Brizuela (44m), 2-0 McGovern (48m), 2-1 P. Smith (79m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 562. — **G. STREETER**

APIA v TOONGABBIE 0-0

Injury-depleted Toongabbie forced a 0-0 draw against frustrated APIA, in a match in which the highlight was the battle between APIA's striker John Doyle and Toongabbie defender Laurie Parkhouse. APIA conceded this duel by bringing Doyle off, but his replacement, Sean Wilson, was to cause more headaches for his team. In the space of two minutes he missed three real scoring chances. The easiest of them followed APIA's star Billy Griffiths leaving the Demons' defence flatfooted after a real display of ball skills. Great

goalkeeping by Peter Freeman added to APIA's troubles, but Dave McQuire was left without much to occupy him at the other end.

APIA: McQuire 3, McGinn 3, McMillan 3, Jackson 4, Pullen 4, Lindsay 3, Merrigan 3, Butler 3, Doyle 4 (Wilson: 77m), Porter 4, Griffiths 5 (O'Rourke: 88m).

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 5, Taylor 3, Gerio 4, Oldham 3, Parkhouse 4, Pena 3, Casey 2 (Beggs: 66m), De Valie 3, Izatt 3, Ortega 3, Borwick 2. **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 630. — **D. CLARK**

MONARO v ARNCLIFFE 4-1 (2-0)

Monaro continued on their winning way with their fifth consecutive victory in the league, again being spearheaded by Valeri and Giampaolo. Giampaolo caused havoc amongst the Scots defenders who had to resort to fouls to stop him, and in doing so gave away two penalties, one of which was converted, and the other by Morsello, saved by Cuneo. In Monaro's last four matches Giampaolo has earned for his side five penalties, showing just how dangerous he is when in the "x". Monaro's other big hit was Alan Bourke, who is proving a real dynamo in midfield, adding the bite they so lacked. He scored his first goal for the club with a cracking 25-metre

drive. Scots had no answer to the midfield graft of or striking power of Monaro and could only reply with a consolation goal at the end.

MONARO: Palec 4, O'Maye 3, De Paoli 3, Cumming 4, Santolin 4, Forwood 4, Lawler 3, Bourke 4, Giampaolo 4, W. Valeri 4, Morsello 3.

SCOTS: Cuneo 3, Butler 3, Campbell 3, Smart 3, Walsh 3, Cochran 4, O'Meara 4, Blackburn 3, Muscovits 4, Harrington 4, Henwood 3.

Goals: 1-0 Valeri (23m), 2-0 Valeri (31m, pen), 3-0 Bourke (80m), 4-0 Giampaolo (84m), 4-1 O'Meara (89m). **Referee:** J. Van Der Lende. **Crowd:** 950. — **J. CHIERA**

BANKSTOWN v GRANVILLE 2-4 (1-2)

Phil Johns was amongst the goals with a hat-trick which set the improving Granville well on the way to victory. Granville opened the scoring against the run of play, but not until three minutes into injury time in the first half. An apparently harmless cross came from the right which Paul Thompson failed to collect and Bruce Waldron drove it in. Bankstown equalised with Kevin Lackey missing a high lob and Craig Peck scored. Johns then entered the scene, sending one over the defence, sprinting for a low shot, and then firing a hard drive from the right. Dennis Daley pegged one back for Bankstown after a good 1-2 with Peck.

BANKSTOWN: Luxford 3, P. Thompson 3, Morrison 4, Brooks 3 (Benavente: 67m), Rootsey 3, Trusty 3, Ingle 3, Williams 4 (Daley: 43m), Peck 4, Kent 2, M. Thomson 2.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 3, Selfridge 3, Biglands 3, Sands 3, Lackey 3 (Barron: 75m), Barker 4, Johns 4, Haydec 3, Slater 3 (Scamperie: 60m), Fraser 4, Waldron 3.

Goals: 0-1 Waldron (45m), 1-1 Peck (47m), 1-2 Johns (63m), 1-3 Johns (67m), 1-4 Johns (79m), 2-4 Daley (90m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 250. — **E. PERSEN**

APIA BIG TEST FOR HIGH-FLYING MONARO

— By Keith Gilmour —

APIA's trip to Queanbeyan to play sister club Inter Monaro holds more than usual interest.

APIA's results have been too bad to be true, and they will find it hard to take points from Monaro, who have grasped the lead firmly.

The outstanding game in Sydney could be Granville v Croatia at Garside Park, and it will show if Granville can continue to lift themselves as they did against both Melita and Bankstown.

ARNCLIFFE v AUBURN

This Saturday match of the round at Hurstville Oval sees Auburn as likely winners, largely due to the inspiration of Willie Hamilton.

A deal of their drive is coming from Chris McGlynn, who was absolutely unchallenged by Avala last Sunday in making some fine sorties up the wing from his fullback position.

Arncliffe will not give in, but their extra preparation in going to Queanbeyan early for the Monaro game came to naught when they did not have the firepower to worry the leaders.

GRANVILLE v CROATIA

It has now been confirmed that Nick Fenoughty will be back within a few days from England, and he proved on his last trip that he is a strong man in providing extra cohesion for the team.

The Russell brothers are proving a strong link in the Croatia side, and it was noteworthy that both were amongst the scorers against Manly.

Granville's problem is not now to prove what they can do, but to get their youngsters to do it consistently, and Sunday's game will provide a great test for their development.

SUTHERLAND v BANKSTOWN

Sutherland, in spite of a string of injuries, should wrap this one up at Seymour Shaw as, if anything, the Towns are worse off.

It looks as if Brooks may be

out, and already they are missing the reliable John Lembryk and the brilliant Neil Williams.

Last week young giant Phil Craggs was brought into the team and he played his part very well. It is hard to see Bankstown troubling him too much this week, especially if Peter Wykes returns to the standard he was showing a fortnight back.

MARRICKVILLE v MELITA

Melita are hot favourites for a win at Arlington Park on Sunday as they are giving a 100% effort and are setting out to cement a high position on the table.

One recent weak spot was the form of Bobby McPherson, whom Joe Vlasits may choose to throw in against Derby County next month if he can establish a place in the final squad.

Marrickville coach John Xipolitas must be continuing to rue the lack of punch up front that is costing his team dearly each week.

TOONGABBIE v YUGAL

Toongabbie had better not take this one at all easy, as Yugal are proving that they can upset any team that fails to recognise their ability.

Peter Cuk, Pusan Purac and Pat Rodas are putting it together well, and Niti Nitya has showed that his potential is starting to turn into real worth in the defence.

As it stands, Peter Freeman, the former Bankstown goalkeeper, looks like being the man they need for confidence at the back, and in all truth he should not be overburdened if the Demons are closed in their best form.

MONARO v APIA

Surely the record of Monaro must be under observation by many country towns, because their trail-blazing efforts are being crowned with so much success.

Once APIA would have re-

garded Monaro as distant country cousins, but on Sunday they will have to recognise their true worth and potential.

John Doyle is certain to have a great battle with the Monaro defence, but it could be little Terry Butler who may set up a goal or two in what should be a fine match.

MANLY v AVALA

Steve Lalic's business commitments brought John Cudek in as Avala's coach, and since his ar-

rivals they have had their share of wins and losses.

Manly, unfortunately, have been forced to realise their limitations, yet against that they have had a couple of good results against APIA.

There remains little doubt about the solidarity of Avala's defence; the midfield is workmanlike, but goals are not coming with John Beater and Pat Deller missing.

News from Adelaide

— From Vic Migliaccio —

Brilliant midfielder Uros Zivcovic, who signed for West Adelaide at the start of the season from Azzurri, last week told the club that because he could not be guaranteed a place in their PSL squad he would not be interested on playing any longer. He has accepted a coaching position with the first division club Beograd.

Last week West's coach John Margaritis recalled Dave Pilans in his side. Pilans, the brilliant tall midfielder, said at the end of last season that because of business pressures he would not play PSL this year.

Four players from the Adelaide City PSL squad played for the club third division side last Saturday. Romanowicz, Matic and Kolecki all played half game while Muniz played the full 90 minutes. City won 6-0 against Adelaide University with Muniz scoring two.

Last Saturday's Azzurri 2-0 loss to Noarlunga upset many club supporters as this year they were hoping for better things.

At the beginning of this year the club appointed top local coach Peter Jaska and went on a shopping spree, spending in the vicinity of \$20,000.

However, looking at last Saturday's pathetic performance, Azzurri's hope of challenging for the '78 title are very slim.

SASF fixtures for April 29: **First division:** Polonia v Azzurri, Parra Hills v Cumberland, Croatia v Victoria, Noarlunga v Elizabeth, Beograd v Lion.

Second division: Port v Don, Birkalla v Modbury, Orange v South Campbelltown v Salisbury, APEC v Windsor.

Third division: Brighton v Noarlunga City, West Adelaide v Adelaide City, Flinders Uni v Ad University, SAIT v West Torrens.

Next week, May 6: **First division:** Cumberland v Beograd, Azzurri v Parra Hills, Elizabeth v Polonia, Victoria v Noarlunga, Lion v Croatia.

Second division: Modbury v APEC, Don v Birkalla, Salisbury v Port, South Adelaide v Campbelltown, Windsor v Orange.

Third division: Noarlunga v West Adelaide, West Torrens v Brighton, Ad University v SAIT, Adelaide City v Flinders Uni.

The Bobby Charlton's All Star touring side, who were due to play SA on Wednesday, May 10, have cancelled the match. SASF Secretary Adrian Deckers said this week that due to the long congested UK season, the tour is off.

Deckers also confirmed that final arrangements have been made for Derby County and two Greek national teams. Derby will play the SA State team on Wednesday, May 24, and the Greeks will play Australia on June 14. Both games will be at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Congratulations to former Azzurri star Tony Simeone, now the fulltime promotion manager for the club, for his engagement to Gielia Barone last Saturday.

On Saturday, April 29, West Adelaide and Adelaide City third division sides will play the first round of the Challenge Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium. The match should attract big crowds, as both teams are loaded with a wealth of promising youngsters.

The two clubs have hired top coaching staff to guide their hopeful stars. West Adelaide have a duo combination of Nick Pantelis and Peter Kouzios and City have Robert Dottavi.

After only six months in office SA Coaching Director Mike Welis has every reason to be pleased. The Coaching Association membership is now over the 160 mark and is growing.

The next meeting will be held on May 5 at the ACAE, Kintere Avenue, in room 301 on the 3rd floor at 8 pm. A special panel of local coaches will endeavour to answer members' questions. Should anyone (male or female) wish to join the Association, they can attend the meeting.

SA FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Victoria	1	1	3	1	3	3
Noarlunga	1	1	2	2	3	3
Elizabeth	1	1	2	1	3	3
Cumberland	1	1	1	1	3	3
Polonia	1	1	4	4	2	2
Lion	2	2	2	2	2	2
Azzurri	1	1	2	3	2	2
Beograd	1	1	3	1	2	2
Para Hills	1	1	4	5	1	1
Croatia	2	1	3	3	3	3

NSW FED. JUNIORS

UNDER 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	3	—	11	2	6	6
Hakoah	3	—	13	5	6	6
Toongabbie	3	—	10	2	6	6
West Subs	3	—	11	4	6	6
Marconi	2	—	12	2	4	4
Sydney Olym.	2	—	1	3	1	4
Bankstown	2	—	2	5	8	4
Blacktown	1	—	2	10	5	2
Marrickville	1	—	2	5	4	2
Auburn	1	—	3	8	13	2
Guilford	—	—	3	3	14	—
Melita	—	—	3	1	16	—
Belmore	—	—	3	1	17	—

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	4	—	30	—	8	8
Belmore	4	—	27	1	8	8
West Subs	3	—	22	—	6	6
Sydney Olym.	3	—	7	1	6	6
Guilford	2	1	—	6	3	5
Melita	2	1	1	11	9	5
Bankstown	2	—	2	11	5	4
Marconi	1	1	—	5	2	3
Blacktown	—	1	2	1	6	1
Marrickville	—	1	2	1	11	1
Toongabbie	—	1	3	—	13	1
Hakoah	—	—	4	—	14	—
Auburn	—	—	4	2	21	—
Avala	—	—	3	—	36	—

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	4	—	13	1	8	8
APIA	3	—	7	1	6	6
Sydney Olym.	2	1	—	5	2	5
Auburn	2	1	1	6	5	5

West Subs.	2	—	1	10	3	4
Toongabbie	2	—	2	7	6	4
Hakoah	2	—	2	8	11	4
Belmore	1	—	2	8	4	2
Marconi	1	—	1	3	1	2
Blacktown	1	—	2	4	7	2
Guilford	—	—	3	1	7	—
Melita	—	—	3	1	12	—
Marrickville	—	—	3	—	13	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Under 14: Western Suburbs v Blacktown 3-1, APIA v Hakoah 4-1, Bankstown v Melita 3-0, Marconi v Guilford 7-2, Sydney Olympic v Auburn 1-0, Toongabbie v Marrickville 2-0.

Under 15: Western Suburbs v Blacktown 4-0, APIA v Hakoah 2-0, Bankstown v Melita 8-0, Marconi v Guilford 2-2, Belmore v Avala 13-0, Sydney Olympic v Auburn 2-1, Marrickville v Toongabbie 0-0.

Under 16: Western Suburbs v Blacktown 5-0, APIA v Hakoah 3-0, Bankstown v Melita 4-0, Marconi v Guilford 3-0, Sydney Olympic v Auburn 1-1, Toongabbie v Marrickville 4-0.

Postponed matches:

Under 14: Western Suburbs v Toongabbie 2-1. **Under 15:** Western Suburbs v Toongabbie 9-0. **Under 16:** Western Suburbs v Toongabbie 4-1.

FRASER IS DER BESTE

Young Sydney goalkeeper Mike Fraser is on his way to fame in West German soccer.

Fraser, who went to Europe in November, has been playing with FV Godesberg in the amateur league — as a professional.

This is actually part of his problem: he is now battling to have his work permit extended which would be automatic if he were with a professional club.

Recent press reviews of the young APIA goalie indicate that the modest, likeable university student may soon be discovered by a crack German club.

In a recent match which Godesberg (satellite town of the capital Bonn) won 1-0 against SC Bruehl, Fraser played brilliantly.

A Bonn daily said: "The outstanding player on the field was goalie Fraser... coming in for the injured Manni Reiner, young Fraser saved his team with grand-parade display from defeat..."

The following week, against FV Honnef, Godesberg lost 1-0 but Fraser brilliantly saved a penalty.

According to his father in Sydney, Mike is training and playing as a full professional.

However, he is also teaching squash — a new sport in Germany — at courts belonging to the club president.

The club — amateur! — rents a fully furnished apartment for the young Australian.

He will spend the next month or so touring the Continent with his brother Graham then either

return to Godesberg or perhaps join a top club.



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Champions too fragile to retain their title

—By Andrew Dettre—

Had the reigning world champions West Germany asked for a better draw, they couldn't have got one. Actually, as the man in charge for the draw, somewhat strangely, was the president of the West German FA, they might have asked for it . . .

This is the type of "favorite son" treatment that was expected to go to Argentina who, clearly, were double-crossed in the Balkan-like machinations permitted by FIFA.

Still, the ailing West Germans may need every little help they can get to hobble into the second round and quite possibly no further.

For the first time in two decades, they seem to have failed to build up a strong team for the World Cup, most uncharacteristic of a nation which has been long admired for the timing of their preparations in the past.

The sudden departure of Beckenbauer last year has thrown everything out of gear.

The Germans could have lived with the premature retirement from the national team of such stars as Mueller, Breitner, Grabowski and might have survived the retirement of Overath and the decline of Hoenes.

But Beckenbauer, the most dominating soccer personality of our time, is irreplaceable and the German press, which drove him to the USA with sensational accounts of his private life, is the real culprit behind this tragedy.

Actually, West Germany reached its zenith in the 1970-72 period, when they brilliantly won the European Championship under the dual leadership of Beckenbauer and Netzer.

They were good enough, but barely, to win the World Cup two years later, largely because of the stupidity and carelessness of Holland.

But since then the decline has been clear-cut.

This year a narrow and unconvincing odd goal win over England and the USSR was followed by a defeat in Hamburg against Brazil.

The present West German side contains hosts of very good players — but no great ones.

Overall, their team will be on the old side with Maier, Vogts and Flohe well over 30 and several others close to it.

The talented newcomers, Neumann, Abramczik, Rummenigge, Kaltz and Russmann, would have needed another season or two to reach their peak while that brilliant central striker Fischer must have proper support to function at his best.

Rainer Bonhof looks like the only man in the team capable of emerging as a real superstar — with Fischer, perhaps, if the attack functions — but teams that win World Cups usually have three or four outstanding players.

In one respect, however, you can't undersell the Germans: their team spirit is invariably perfect and they are "big match" players.

Once, in 1954, they won the World Cup as rank outsiders — thanks to stars such as Rahn, Fritz Walter and Morlock — and generally speaking, their record is very good.

GROUP 2

I don't think they will have the slightest trouble qualifying for the second round though they shouldn't take Mexico lightly.

But, much as I admire their soccer generally, I cannot see them even reaching the final, let alone winning it.

Poland, the sensations of the 1974 series, could again do extremely well here; in fact, they could be the best European challengers.

Although Polish club soccer has not progressed since 1974 and has never been noteworthy for its achievements, the national team is a different story.

Manager Jacek Gmoch, one of the most intelligent of all World Cup managers, has been patiently building up for Argentina.

Actually, he has made few changes in the team he inherited from Gorsky.

The only real star from 1974 who has vanished from the scene is Robert Gadocha; all the others are still there and available, with the exception of the retired Musial and Maszczyk, now in France.

What's more, Gmoch can now count on the brilliant Lubanski, 32, who missed the 1974 World Cup having been kicked out of the game for two years by McFarlane, the England stopper.

Since then Lubanski, a semi-invalid, has been allowed to join the Belgian Lokeren and there, miraculously, recovered and has now fought his way back into the Poland side.

Gmoch will also have that amazing goalie, Tomaszewski, that massive stopper Gorgon, the elegant midfielder Deyna, and the two great strikers, Lato and Szarmach — as well as a few new faces.

Poland's great handicap could be wet, muddy grounds, quite possible during the Argentinian winter.

They play on the ground and are quite a different proposition when short-passing becomes impossible.

To counter this possible disadvantage, the players will go to Argentina with a very special incentive.

Their Association has tacitly agreed to let their stars go and play for West European clubs provided they do well in the World Cup.

Deyna, Lato, Tomaszewski, Szarmach and a few others are known to be keen to end their careers in the West — or USA — earning the kind of money they could only dream about at home.

I saw Poland at the 1972 Munich Olympics and again two years later during the World Cup — and I was most impressed with their modern, skilful and attractive game.

If they can reproduce the same brand in Argentina, they will go a very long way.

In fact, it wouldn't surprise me

at all if they reached the last four, especially if their two key players, Deyna and the veteran Lubanski, hit peak form.

Whether they come first or second in their group seems to matter little; they are almost certain to progress to the second round and at least three more matches before their fate is decided.

If this group contains a dark horse, it's Mexico, possibly undergoing the most thorough World Cup preparation in their history under coach Jose Antonio Roca.

Mexico has modest World Cup traditions though, from their regional confederation, they usually manage to make the final 16.

In 1970, at home, they reached the quarterfinals — but on all other occasions they went out quietly and early.

In their 21 previous World Cup matches, they won only three times — but Roca promises different things for June.

He intends to field one of the youngest teams in Argentina, one which is prepared to run and fight for the 90 minutes.

They have been preparing since January and, since then, demolished two medium-ranking European opponents, the Bulgarian Levski (3-1) and the Swiss Grasshoppers (8-0) in practice games.

The No 1 star of the team is young left flank striker Hugo Sanchez, 19, a fast, powerful, menacing player who smashed home five goals to Grasshoppers.

His regular partner is Victor Rangel with whom he has built up a great understanding.

Manager Roca, who was in charge of Mexico's youth team last year in Tunisia, transferred no less than five players from there to his national squad: Manzo, Zuarza, Rodriguez, Martinez and De la Torre are all under 20 and could play in Argentina.

While not quite at home, the conditions will not be totally strange for the Mexicans in their "sister country".

Tunisia, the fourth of this quartet, will make up the numbers and cannot expect a much kinder treatment than was dished out to Africa's 1974 representative, Zaire.

Nurtured on the traditions of French soccer, Tunisia's strength is about equal to an average Italian second division side — clearly not the ingredient from which World Cup successes are built.

While Tunisia is unlikely to snatch even a single point in the series, some of their more accomplished players could catch the eye.

Goalie Attouga is a hero in Africa but he will be fully tested by the sharp Polish and German raiders.

Midfielder Tarak is the star of the team and striker Temime is their best attacker; he plays for a club in Saudi Arabia.



Karl-Heinz Rummenigge



Kazimierz Deyna



Hugo Sanchez



Tarak

WEST GERMANY

Population: 62,000,000.

Registered players: 3,200,000.

Qualification: Qualified as 1974 winners.

Manager: Helmut Schoen.

Best team: Maier-Vogts, Kaltz, Russmann, Dietz-Bonhof, Neumann, Flohe-Abramczik, Fischer, Rummenigge.

In World Cup finals: 1934, 1938, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970, 1974.

Finalists: 1954 (3-2 over Hungary), 1966 (2-4 to England), 1974 (2-1 over Holland).

Semifinalists: 1934, 1958, 1970.

POLAND

Population: 33,000,000.

Registered players: 188,000.

Qualifications:

Portugal v Poland	0-2
Poland v Cyprus	2-0
Denmark v Poland	1-2
Cyprus v Poland	1-3
Poland v Denmark	4-1
Poland v Portugal	1-1

Manager: Jacek Gmoch.

Best team: Tomaszewski, Wawrowski, Zmuda, Gorgon, Rudy-Kasperczak, Deyna, Masztaler-Lato, Szarmach, Lubanski.

In World Cup finals: 1938, 1974.

Semifinalists: 1974.

MEXICO

Population: 47,000,000.

Registered players: 1,400,000.

Qualification:

USA v Mexico	0-0
Canada v Mexico	1-0
Mexico v USA	3-0
Mexico v Canada	0-0
Mexico v Haiti	3-1
Mexico v Salvador	3-1
Mexico v Surinam	8-1
Mexico v Guatemala	2-1
Mexico v Canada	3-1

Manager: Jose Antonio Roca.

Best team: Reyes-Najera, Guzman, Ramos, Ayala-Cardenas, De la Torre, Cuellar-Ortega, Rangel, Sanchez.

In World Cup finals: 1930, 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970.

Quarterfinalists: 1970.

TUNISIA

Population: 5,600,000.

Registered players: 14,500.

Qualification:

Morocco v Tunisia	1-1
Tunisia v Morocco	1-1
Tunisia v Algeria	2-0
Algeria v Tunisia	1-1
Guinea v Tunisia	1-0
Tunisia v Guinea	3-0
Tunisia v Nigeria	0-0
Nigeria v Tunisia	0-1
Egypt v Tunisia	3-2
Tunisia v Egypt	4-1

Manager: Mejid Chatali.

Best team: Attouga-Dhouib, Kamel, Gasmi, Kaabi-Gommidh, Agrebi, Tarak-Temime, Akid, Liman.

In World Cup finals: First appearance.



Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck



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